

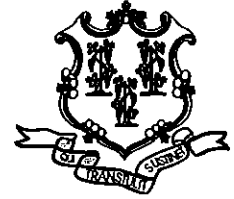


**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

Public Hearing Testimony

Judiciary Committee

March 30, 2011



**S.B. No. 1179 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING INTERVIEWS OF A CHILD BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AND THE REMOVAL OF
INDIVIDUALS FROM THE STATE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REGISTRY.**

The Department of Children and Families **offers the following comments regarding** S.B. No. 1179, An Act Concerning Interviews of a Child by the Department of Children and Families and the Removal of Individuals from the State Child Abuse and Neglect Registry. The Department opposes the language in section 1 of this bill, but is generally supportive of section 2.

DCF has several **concerns regarding the language in section 1**. Specifically we are concerned that the language on lines 11-12 adds unnecessary qualifying statements such as "reasonably" and "good cause," which only serves to add confusion to the intent. We also oppose addition of the language "and has actual belief that" on line 12. We believe that this language is unnecessary. In addition, we believe that requiring sworn affidavits, as provided in this section, will result in a fiscal impact on the Department. Adding these sworn affidavits to the DCF case record will serve no legal purpose.

The Department does **support section 2** of the bill, which establishes a process to remove a person from the state's child abuse and neglect registry. We believe that this sets forth reasonable standards to permit removal of a perpetrators name, in limited circumstances. We do not believe that the requirement to adopt regulations in subsection (e) (lines 65 to 67) is necessary as the process would already follow the requirements of the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, section 4-181a (b) of the Connecticut General Statutes.